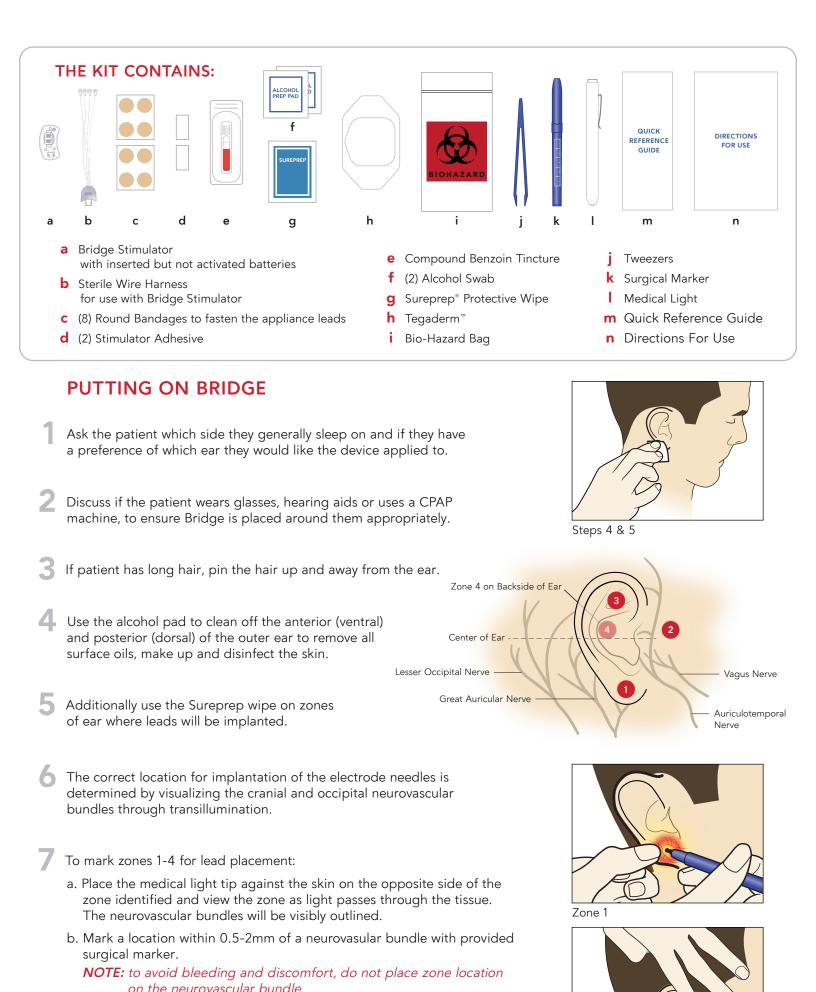




Percutaneous Nerve Field Stimulator (PNFS)

Quick Reference Guide



Zone 1 Great Auricular Nerve Center of the ear lobe.

## Zone 2 Auricular Branch of the Vagus Nerve

Anterior and superior to the tragus (lay the tweezers across center of ear horizontally to assist with marking the implantation site).

**NOTE:** Check for pulse in this area and mark zone **AWAY** from pulse.

- Zone 3 Auriculotemporal Nerve At the triangular fossa.
- Zone 4 Lesser Occipital Nerve Dorsal side of the triangular fossa.





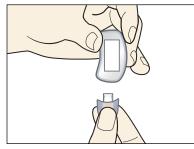


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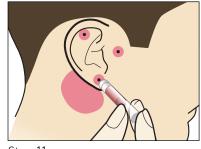


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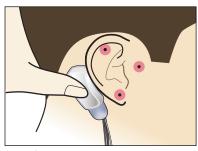
- Place the double-sided stimulator adhesive on the side of the stimulator contacting the patient's ear.
- Insert the wire harness into the stimulator until firmly seated to start therapy.
- Step 8

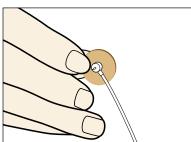


Step 9

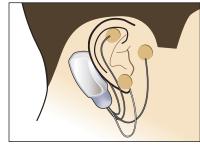


Step 11





Step 13b







Step 18a

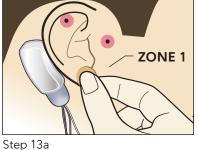


- Hold the stimulator with the inserted wire harness posterior to the patient's ear. Ensure that the stimulator is properly positioned extending the wires over the ear allowing enough length so the leads can be placed at the desired location.
- After the proper position of the device is confirmed apply the compound benzoin tincture to the skin where the stimulator is to be applied. Also apply the tincture at the sites marked for lead placement.
  - 2 Gently press the stimulator with inserted wire harness onto the skin at the desired application site for 3-5 seconds.
- 3 Start with the placement of the ground lead (white color) on zone 1. Secure the electrode needle and place a round adhesive bandage on the flat side of the lead. Implant the lead percutaneously with gentle pressure.

**NOTE:** Round adhesive can be applied to the electrode lead either before or after needle implantation.

4. Repeat step 13 for the remaining zones with any of the grey leads.

- If bleeding and discomfort occurs, reevaluate placement location with transillumination and reposition the leads.
- Wait 5-10 mins to ensure that patient is able to feel the stimulation.
- If the patient cannot feel or tolerate the stimulation after 5-10 min, reposition the leads.
- Gather any dangling wires and hold it close to the stimulator. Place the Tegaderm<sup>™</sup> strip over the stimulator to hold it in place.
- If withdrawal symptoms begin to return within 5 days of therapy starting, direct the patient to perform a pinch test to make sure the leads are in good contact with the ear. For the pinch test, simply pinch down on the lead.



Step 12

Step 18b

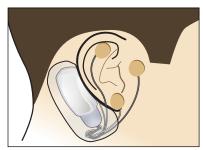
## **REMOVAL OF BRIDGE**

Have patient return to the office after five days for removal.

- Gently remove each of the electrodes one at a time by slowly lifting off the round adhesive patch, then pulling the electrode needle out.
- After the electrodes have been removed, carefully pull off the stimulator from behind the ear.
- Once removal is complete, clean the areas of the ear where the electrodes were placed with an alcohol wipe.
- Place the used device into the biohazard waste bag provided and dispose of the bag as medical waste, following your appropriate state regulations.



Step 18c



Step 18d